Youghiogheny River Lake

Shoreline Management Plan
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Youghiogheny River Lake

- Brief history of Project and Shoreline Management
- Why we are Here – What Shoreline Management is
- Issues to Address
- End Goals

Youghiogheny River Lake
Project Background

- **Flood Control Act of 1938**
  - ► Flood damage reduction
  - ► Low-flow augmentation for water quality

- **Construction Completed - 1943**

- **Flood Control Act of 1944**
  - ► Authority to allow recreation

Youghiogheny Shoreline Management

Background

- **1944 – 1974** - Wide open
- **1974** - National Shoreline Management Policy
- **1979** - First Shoreline Management Plan for Youghiogheny
- **1986** - Water Resources Development Act
- **1987** - First Update to Shoreline Management Plan
- **1990, 1992, 1999** - National Policy Updated
- **1995** - Resource Managers Local Policy Letter

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Why We Are Here

- We need public involvement, good ideas, solutions and cooperation between and among property owners and the Corps.
- Honor past written commitments while balancing private use privileges with broader resource protection and general public use and access
- Updates necessary for consistency and compliance with current policy

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District Perspective

- 6 of 16 lakes projects in Pittsburgh District have private docks
  - 3 Pittsburgh District Lakes have hundreds of private docks and several boat clubs that require those Lake's to have Lakeshore Management Plans
  - 10 Pittsburgh District Lakes have no private boat docks.

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Basic Premise

- Corps managed land and waters are owned by the public
- Boat clubs and private docks on the lake are private-use privileges
- Owners of private facilities may not hinder public right of pedestrian or vessel access to adjacent water and shoreline areas

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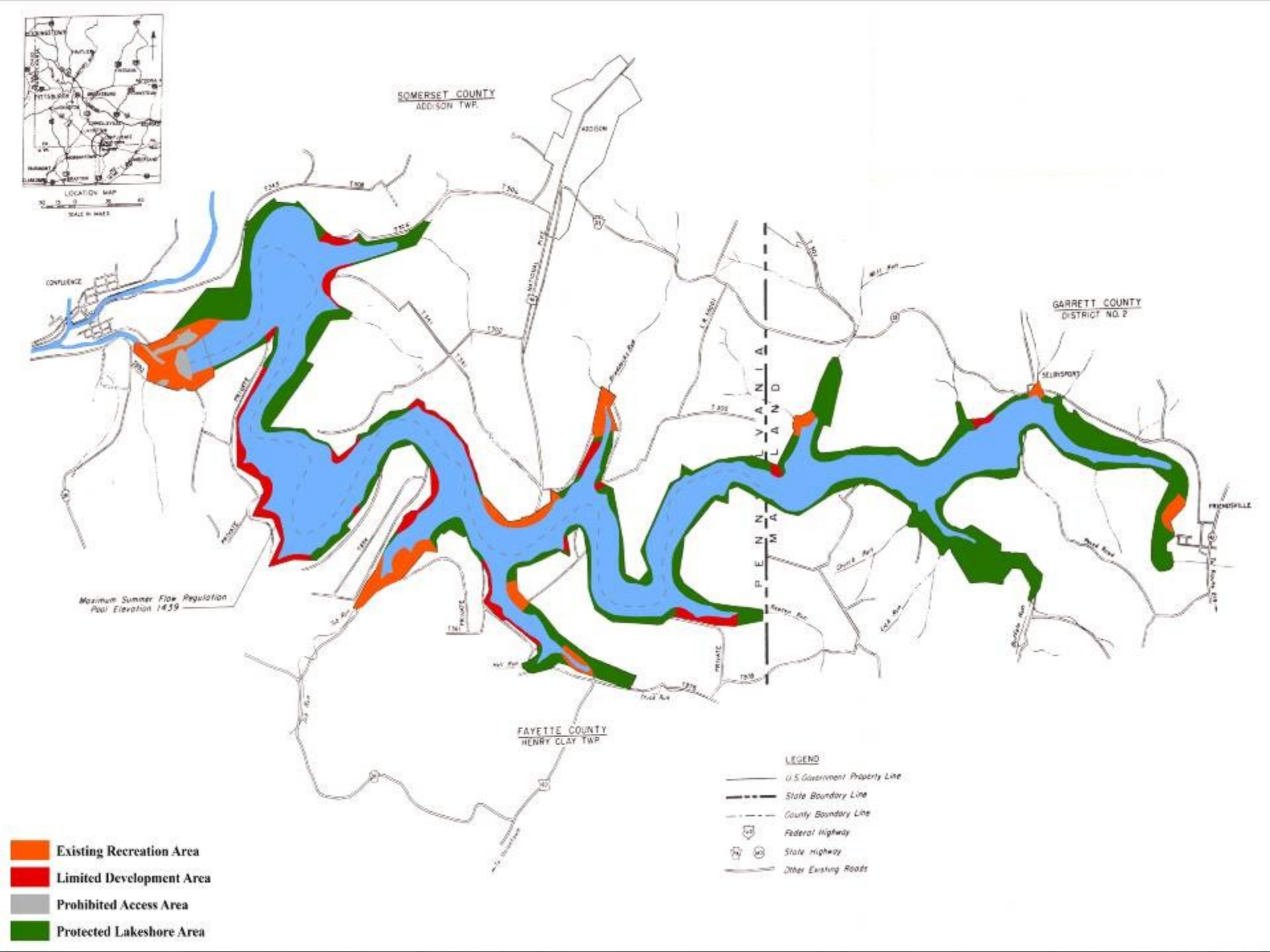
Land Acquisition

- There are no “lakefront” or “shoreline” properties around Youghiogheny Lake


LOCATION MAP
SCALE IN MILES
SOMERSET COUNTY
ADDISON TWP.
CONFLUENCE
GARRETT COUNTY
DISTRICT NO. 2
SELBYSPORT
FRIENDSVILLE
PENNSYLVANIA
MARYLAND
Maximum Summer Flow Regulation
Pool Elevation 1459
FAYETTE COUNTY
HENRY CLAY TWP.
LEGEND
U.S. Government Property Line
State Boundary Line
County Boundary Line
Federal Highway
State Highway
Other Existing Roads
Existing Recreation Area
Limited Development Area
Prohibited Access Area
Protected Lakeshore Area

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Requirements to Obtain Permits

- Only permitted in shoreline areas designated “Limited Development”
- Legal Access: Adjacent landowner, DA license
- Prior approval of materials, design, layout, plans, specs, flotation and anchorage

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What we need to address

- Compliance Issues
- Density Issues
- Mooring permit vs. structure permit

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Grandfathering

- Backlot owners and public access (non-property) owners
- Current permitee or spouse (Sept 1979)
- Pre “86” Docks

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Our Goals

- Do the Right Thing
- Manage the entire Project for Maximum Public Benefit
- Implement Changes in Corps' Regulations and Policies
- Bring Consistency to Shoreline Management

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE

- Set a date for dock compliance
- Meet with Stakeholder Groups
- END state of stakeholder meetings: Yough Lake Shoreline Management Advisory Panel?
- Finalize Shoreline Management Plan

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CURRENT IMPLEMENTTAION

- New owners of Dock structures that have been sold as part of a Real Estate transaction for property on Youghiogheny Lake will continue to receive the first opportunity to apply for a new permit for that structure provided structure is in compliance with Permit conditions

- Docks and associated permits that have been removed from Yough Lake either voluntarily or because of permit revocation due to non-compliance will result in utilization of the current waiting list method for oldest entry on waiting list that is in a LDA under 50%

- Issue Structure permit vs. mooring permit where possible on renewals and new permits

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